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JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VACCINATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Japanese Encephalitis(JE) vaccination programme could not make progress in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) The steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. JE vaccination programme has made progress in the country. JE vaccination campaign was launched initially during 2006-07 in 11 high endemic districts of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and West Bengal achieving an overall coverage rate of 88.39%. During 2007-08, 28 districts in 9 States, namely, Haryana, Assam, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Bihar were covered under JE vaccination achieving an overall coverage rate of 84%. During 2008-09, 21 districrts in 10 States have been covered achieving an overall coverage of 81.15%. Due to intensified efforts by Government of India, JE vaccination has significantly contributed to the decline of JE positive cases from 35.88% as reported during 2005-06 to 7.28% as reported during 2008-09 in the State of Uttar Pradesh which contributes more than 80% of cases and deaths respectively in the country.